

# Farewell Speech Given By Crerar

OTTAWA (CP)—The Senate listened as one of its most esteemed members said goodbye and reminisced about his 50-year involvement in Canada's political life.

Liberal Senator Thomas Alexander Crerar of Winnipeg, 90 on June 17, spoke to an almost full chamber for more than an hour.

He retires June 1 after 21 years as a senator and from a political career that began in 1917 when he became agriculture minister in the Borden Union government.

Other members of that cabinet "have passed the border to the great beyond," Senator Crerar said.

Standing erect and speaking without text or notes, Senator Crerar drew attention to his Liberal colleagues senators Thomas Vien (Quebec), 84, and Charles Power (Quebec), 78, the other two surviving members of the Parliament of 1917.

**SPEAKS FRANKLY**

"Sooner or later—perhaps sooner—we will all be leaving this House," Senator Crerar said. Then, remarking it was time to speak with "some frankness" about some things he found disturbing in Canada today, he sailed into Canada today, he sailed into Canada today, he sailed into Canada today.

First was the "failure of Parliament to maintain its standards."

"I hope to live on to see the prestige of Parliament fully restored." But this would not come "until we have a change in leadership in both the old parties."

New leaders "could restore prestige."

**OUTLINED PROBLEMS**

—Federal-provincial relations were "mixed up to a dangerous degree." Ottawa was dealing in areas that had once been the responsibility of the provinces. She should give the provinces all the "standard taxes," including corporation and personal income, and keep only sales tax and gasoline tax revenues.

—Inflation remained the most "insidious danger" facing Canada. The government must aim at balanced budgets in good times. It was "supreme folly" to think that the government could continue its spending levels—"nearly \$3,000,000,000 a year on the welfare state philosophy"—without ever balancing a budget.

—Labor unions had grown powerful and labor was big

business, but "the public interest in this country should come first." The number of strikes was increasing and those within federal jurisdiction should not be tolerated.

**CANADA OVER GOVERNED**

—Canada had become "the most over-governed country in the world." The present federal departmental reorganization was not likely to be of value because governments tend to feel they must "give the public everything at

once." The Civil Service Commission had become too powerful. Commons questions had got "out of hand—some 1,500 this year to date. Some needless questions tied up a small army of civil servants." He recalled one question that cost \$2,000 to answer.

—It was anomalous that the CBC spends some \$100,000,000 a year "and there's no government control over its expenditures—not one little bit." He would have a minister responsible for CBC affairs, spe-

cially its capital expenditures. Although there were "excellent" CBC programs, a good deal were "trivial-tripe." Senator Crerar closed on a note of hope for Canada and the opportunity of the 1967 centennial. "No country in the world can surpass us—not even the U.S."

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Sophia Loren, in her role as an 80-year-old in the film "Lady L." The Italian actress starred Wednesday night at a photographic exhibit of her film career, presented at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. (CP Wirephoto)

## Trade Board Hears Report

KENSINGTON — Archie Johnstone chaired the general meeting of the Kensington Area Board of Trade held in the office of the Bank of Nova Scotia recently.

The secretary, Ray Stewart, read a letter from the Hon. Philip Manly regarding the all-weather road. The letter stated that the section of road on which information had been requested by the Kensington Board, will be completed as part of the all over program and some progress on this part of the highway is expected this summer.

The meeting agreed to leave plans for the Kensington Community Night at the Confedera-

tion Centre, for the next Council meeting.

A letter from the Maritime Board of Trade requested confirmation of the name of a voting delegate to the annual meeting. Edson Rayner as representative of the local board, was named by the meeting.

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to bringing in new members. Also considered was the problem of unpaid dues. The next meeting which will be the last meeting for the season, will be planned at the forthcoming council meeting.

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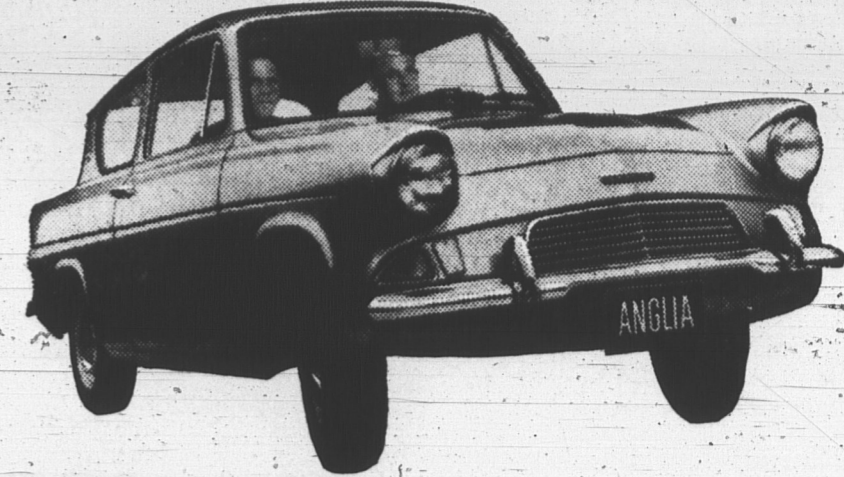
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